

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MINUTES 10-16-06

Draft minutes of the Environmental Quality Affairs Committee held at the City of Newport Beach Police Department Auditorium, 870 Santa Barbara Drive, on **Monday, October 16, 2006.**

Members Present:

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	Keith Curry, Council Member - excused	∕•X	Sandra Haskell
	Richard Nichols, Council Member-exc	Χ	Barry Allen
X	Bruce Asper	∕∳X	Kristine Adams
	Dolores Otting, Vice Chair - excused	∕ •X	Marianne Zippi
∕∳X	Kimberly Jameson		
X	Matt Wiley		Jack Wu - excused
	Christopher Welsh- excused	∕ •X	Jennifer Winn
X	Mike Browning		Ray Halowski- excused
∕∳X	Brent Cooper		Barbara Thibault - excused
X	Laura Dietz		Merritt Van Sant
X	Kenneth Drellishak, Chair		
	Laura Curran		

Staff Representatives:

Guests Present:

<u> </u>	Assistant City Manager Sharon Wood	Robert Stein, Principal Engineer

Chairperson Ken Drellishak called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. He welcomed new members Bruce Asper and Kimberly Jameson.

1. Presentation on City water quality projects –

Robert Stein, Principal Engineer with the City, presented information on current water quality improvement projects being done by the City, including Buck Gully and Little Corona. A question and answer session followed. Chairperson Drellishak noted that the Committee should pay more attention to the water quality impacts of development projects when reviewing EIRs, and ensure that they have appropriate mitigations.

2. Minutes of August 21, 2006 -

Sandra Haskell moved to approve the minutes as written. Marianne Zippi seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

3. Economic Development Committee Report –

Chairperson Drellishak reported that the EDC is working on a strategic plan. He noted that Lloyd Ikerd, the EDC representative to EQAC, had resigned from EQAC. Sharon Wood added that the EDC is undecided on filling that position again, because the EQAC Chairperson is automatically a member of EDC and provides communication between the two groups.

4. Report from Membership Committee –

No report.

5. Report from Staff on Current Projects -

Sharon Wood reported on the following:

- An EIR is being prepared for a project to renovate and add to the Hyatt Regency Newport Hotel.
- The Planning Commission approved the expansion of Our Lady Queen of Angels Church and school, and it has been appealed to the City Council.
- Newport Beach Healthcare Center and will be heard by the Planning Commission in November.
- Application for a Lamborghini dealership in Mariners' Mile has been submitted, but is incomplete
- City Council decided to file a lawsuit against the City of Irvine for inadequate environmental review of residential projects in the Irvine Business Complex.
- 6. Public Comments -

None

7. Future Agenda Items -

Presentation from City traffic engineer on review of traffic studies

8. Adjournment –

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.